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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
SR-361A Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator McConnell:

Thank you for your October 21, 2008, letter to Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on behalf of [redacted] requesting additional air quality monitoring near the Burke Parsons Bowley plant in Fulton, Kentucky. Your letter was referred to my office for response.

As you are aware, the Clean Air Act allows EPA to authorize state agencies to conduct the day-to-day program implementation, the Agency must provide oversight of that implementation. In accordance with that authority, the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP), Division for Air Quality, issues air pollution control permits, monitors sources, and serves as the primary enforcement authority for violations. We have contacted KDEP concerning [redacted] request for additional air quality monitoring. I understand that KDEP staff conducted air monitoring near the Burke Parsons Bowley plant beginning on Wednesday, October 29, collecting a total of four samples at two locations near the property line. The samples are now being analyzed with results expected by mid November. Depending on those results, additional analyses may be pursued. For further information concerning the sampling and results, [redacted] may contact John Lyons, Director of the Division for Air Quality, at (502) 564-3999.

If you need further assistance from EPA, please contact me or the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

J. I. Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator

cc: Bruce Scott, KDEP
John Lyons, KDEP

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October 21, 2008

The Honorable Stephen Johnson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460-0001

Dear Administrator Johnson:

I write on behalf of a constituent who has contacted me regarding EPA's monitoring of the Burke Parsons Bowlby facility in Fulton, Kentucky. I would appreciate your review and response to my constituent's questions and concerns.

I have enclosed a copy of my constituent's correspondence, for your information. Please direct any inquiries and all relevant information to Allison Thompson in my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I will look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,



MITCH McCONNELL
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<MSG>Can you influence the local EPA office in Paducah to monitor the Burke Parsons Bowley plant in Fulton more closely? I've talked with EPA officials from Atlanta, Louisville, and Paducah. They say that they are monitoring for toxins, but we are suffering from the emissions. We can't breathe when outside; and can't open our windows to enjoy cool breezes. Our grandchildren can't play outside. One daughter-in-law was issued an extra inhaler by her doctor in order for her to breathe when she sees patients in the area. Your help would be greatly appreciated. We don't want to move, but may have to for health purposes.</MSG>
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